

FISCAL NOTE

HB 743 - SB 738

February 14, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Tennessee Regulatory Agency (TRA) to regulate excess water leakage at public water utilities.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

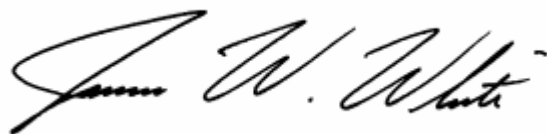
Increase State Expenditures - \$131,000

Assumptions:

- TRA shall determine what level of water leakage shall be considered excess and wasteful by rule, as it pertains to the regulation of public water utilities.
- Requires TRA to collect, from any public water utility under its jurisdiction, reports detailing the amount of water purchased and sold by such facility, as well as a good faith estimate of the amount of excess leakage occurring at such facility, and any steps being pursued to alleviate any excess leakage.
- TRA is authorized to conduct investigations of public water utilities to determine if they are properly detecting, preventing and curing any excess and wasteful water leakage problems.
- One additional engineer would be required in TRA to conduct excess and wasteful water leakage investigations. This position would require travel within the state to conduct such investigations.
- The recurring increase to state expenditures associated with one new engineer is estimated to be \$131,000 per year.
- TRA shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate this act.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director